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Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Can I by sending a button or a number of buttons say 5 or 6 have same assayed & what will be the charge - my object in writing is because I have lately had some assays made by Chicago parties & the variation in buttons of similar metal is so great I have no confidence in same.
Would also like to know if I were to send some bars of metal containing gold say from 2 to 10 Karat grade in gross - wether you would refine same, & what the cost attending same would be - further, if you did so, how you would remit in settlement, either by returning the gold obtained in its pure form or by draft on the local U. S. Treasury agency or by remittance direct - Could you refine bars of metal containing say from 1 to 2% of gold & at what cost - of this latter I may state I handle large quantities & if the cost of reduction was not too great would prefer sending same to Phila - for reduction in spite of the cost of transportation feeling assured I would get correct returns

Respfly
M Abraham

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M. Abraham writes to know
if he send Gold Button assayed & at
what cost, also of Gold bars &c &
how would remit proceeds.

Answered

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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia
Assayer's Department

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The Mint Charge for assaying samples of bullion (buttons &c), is $2. per sample.
Bullion as low as 2 K 'grade' is sometimes received, but is lower than we care to take, especially if the alloy is base. —
Should the alloy be chiefly silver, the same can be received on deposit, and the return be made in fine silver bars and gold coin. —
Silver bullion containing

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only 1 or 2 per cent of Gold
in ~~xx~~ or less is thus received, –

NARA RG104, Entry 1, Box 192

[Abstract:] Writes to know if he sends gold buttons assayed…

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Respectfully,
J.N. Alcaham

[Enclosed note:]

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